



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

CHARLES A. RICHARDSON

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EXAMINER: Unassigned

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For: PROCESS FOR RESTORING MAGNETIC
RECORDING TAPE DAMAGED BY
"STICKY SHED" SYNDROME

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The Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and as also listed in the BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION section of the application. The claims patentably distinguish from the listed references for the reasons set forth in the BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION.

Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission

that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art". If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed and claimed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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LIST OF PRIOR ART CITED BY APPLICANT
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	4 8 4 9 8 3 9		Tsubota et al.			
	AB	5 0 8 0 8 2 5		Bradshaw			
	AC	5 2 3 6 7 9 0		Medeiros et al.			
	AD	5 3 1 1 3 7 1		Clark			
	AE	5 6 3 8 2 3 6		Scott			
	AF	5 7 8 6 9 4 9		Sakamoto			
	AG						
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION
							YES NO
	AL						
	AM						
	AN						
	AO						
	AP						

OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	AR	Article published in Washington Post in May, 1989, Agfa Forum Focuses on Saving Old Tapes
		December, 1994 edition of Pro Sound News (Eddie Giletti Report)
	AS	November 29, 1995 edition of Radio World, Article titled "Clean & Restore Old Analog Tapes"
		Publication dated Feb. 17, 2002, by Magnetic Reference Laboratory, Inc.
	AT	Paper Presented at 113th Convention of the Audio Engineering Society titled "Archiving Audio"
		July/August, 2003 edition of Audio Media, Article titled "Archiving Issues, Part One: Recommendations"

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.